



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/394,712	09/13/1999	ROBERT W. ESMOND	0609.4440002	4740

7590 05/17/2002  
ROBERT W. ESMOND  
302 BLAIR COURT, N.W.  
VIENNA, VA 22180

EXAMINER

KIM, VICKIE Y

ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
----------	--------------

1614

DATE MAILED: 05/17/2002

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The request for deferral/suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103 has been approved.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Patent and Trademark Office

Address: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Washington, D.C. 20231

APPLICATION NO./ CONTROL NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR / PATENT IN REEXAMINATION	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.
---------------------------------	-------------	---	---------------------

09/394,712

9/13/1999

Esmond et al.

0609,444,0002

Robert W Esmond

302 Blair Court N.W

Vienna VA 22180

EXAMINER

Vickie Kim

ART UNIT	PAPER
----------	-------

1614

17

DATE MAILED:

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

Vickie Kim  
Patent Examiner  
Art Unit 1614